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The President's Page



Ruth Clark Reedy

Our annual meeting has come and gone. And didn't you think it was excellent? I wish I could put down the number of people who said it was one of the best we have ever had. I realize that I could be prejudiced, but I think, as one of our section chairmen said, that "It gets better every year!" Certainly that is what we want. It means progress, growth, and success as a professional organization. We have had comments from visitors, guest speakers, and other non-members. All seem to feel that we are a vigorous, dynamic, working organization. This is commendable, but it means that the organization is no better than its members. And that means that YOU are responsible for an association of which we are all proud. And while we are discussing our convention, I should like to thank those people who made the convention a successful one. Emily

Reed, our Convention Chairman, and all of those who served with her made our meeting a pleasant one—Sue Hefley and her Program Committee made our meeting a profitable one—and "The Chicken of Tomorrow" made our meeting a memorable one!

We have many hopes and plans for this year, and only you can make them a realization. One of our first aspirations is to make the Union Catalog a reality. To do this we will have to become a strong lobbying group; talk to our legislators, ask the friends of the library to help us. Miss Durand and her committee have found a home for the catalog. Mr. Martin has drawn up a bill to present to the legislature. We will have to carry the rest of the load. Won't each of you do your share?

Those of you who were at our convention in Alexandria remember the excitement that prevailed throughout the meeting. We had, at last, expressed our appreciation to the LSU Library School by establishing a Scholarship Fund. We, the association, gave \$500. Now we, as individual members, should give in order to help maintain the fund. It is going to be our responsibility to show to the layman, business concerns, and industry the importance of such a scholarship. Let's let these people have a part in making our plans a success.

Now is a good time to tell you that Mrs. Marguerite Hanchey, who did such a magnificent piece of work, setting up the machine for the Scholarship fund, has agreed to serve as chairman of the Scholarship committee. Those who will serve with her are Mrs. Verlyn Sanders of the California Co., Mr. Joseph S. Horan of the Department of Commerce and Industry, Miss Norris McClellan of the LSU Library School Faculty, Miss Evelyn Peters of the New Orleans Public School Library Services, and Miss Frances Flanders of the Ouachita Parish Library.

To make this Scholarship a reality we felt that an Advisory Committee who would counsel the Scholarship Committee and help when called upon would be an asset. Those who will serve on this Committee are the State Librarian, the Director of the Library School, the State Library Supervisor, the Past President of the Louisiana Library Association, and the Past Section Chairman of each of the LLA sections. Certainly these two groups, the Standing and Advisory

Committees, should assure us of success in attaining our financial goal.

The Union Catalog Bill and the LLA Scholarship are just two of the things we, as an association, are working on. We hope that each of you will become interested in these projects and give them your whole-hearted support.

*Mrs. Ruth Clark Reedy,
President, L.L.A.*

Mary Francis Smith *In Appreciation*

By

MARION TAYLOR,
Webster Parish Library

"The College and town have suffered a loss from which each will not easily recover, . . . and the vistas she opened up, not only for students, but for townspeople, are forever a tribute to her." Such was the sentiment expressed in a Shreveport newspaper column at the sudden and early, death in February, of Mary Frances Smith, Centenary College Librarian. It marked, also, a loss to librarianship in Louisiana, where she was trained and served.

According to her mother she always wanted to be a librarian. To a former associate she was "one of the finest in her profession we have ever encountered." Some of these characteristic qualities project themselves, now, even more clearly.

She believed in the importance of books and reading in the lives of people. Reference was her particular field, but she was sensitive to the potentialities of broad, varied library services.

There was continuous intellectual curiosity as she made the "endless search for elusive information" for student, club woman, or businessman. A librarian has said of her research ability, "It was at this Mary Frances excelled."

She knew well her working tools, the books, and sought opportunities to introduce them to users. Along with them a growing record and art collection reflected her own deep, natural appreciation of the artistic. Rare AUDUBONS owned by the College were rescued from a debris-heap during a time of re-painting. For them she "devised beautifully constructed, removable frames."

Mary Frances Smith was a librarian who read—widely—and for the joy of it. With a delicacy of perception and taste for the literary in quality, she loved books, their content, their beauty, and sensed, somewhat, the rare. Book men admired and respected her professionally. One salesman remarked "She so eagerly appreciated the books."

Participation in professional affairs was part of her librarianship. She discharged duties of responsibility several times in the State Association, and at least one recruit should be credited to her influence.

Recognizing her "affinity for the beautiful, for things that bring joy to the mind and quicken the spirit—the things that abide . . . we are grateful for her life and its contribution."

Miss Steckler of St. Martinville Winner of the 1956 Modisette Award for Trustees

By

HAZEL G. SOCKRIDER

Librarian, St. Martin Parish Library



Miss Edith Steckler

Needless to say, we in St. Martin Parish are quite proud of Miss Edith Steckler's receiving the Modisette Award for Trustees. Since 1949, not only has she worked for library service on the local level, but also has supported—and asked others to support—library service on a state and national level.

Miss Steckler's interest in libraries dates back to the 1920's with participation in state conventions of the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs, and with establishment of city libraries in Iberia parish prior to the parish library there.

She headed the movement in St. Martin parish for a library, since 1949, when the St. Martinville Business and Professional Women's Club decided on "getting behind" a parish-wide library movement. Miss Steckler served as library chairman for the organization, then, under its successor the Club Civique. Under her leadership petitions were circulated throughout the parish, urging that the Police Jury establish the library. News articles testify to Miss Steckler's speaking before a number of organizations. The movement culminated with a parish-wide meeting, called at the suggestion of the Police Jury president, Paul Angelle, Jr. On January 3, 1950, the Police Jury established the library and became 13th on the State Library's waiting list for a demonstration.

Between the interval of establishment and opening of the demonstration in January, 1955, Miss Steckler maintained her own interest and activity in behalf of libraries and kept library consciousness alive in the parish.

When St. Martin parish moved from thirteenth to first place on the list, the State Library contacted Miss Steckler. Again she approached the Police Jury, urging them not to let this opportunity for library service pass. The *TECHE NEWS* in announcing that a demonstration would be conducted stated that "Miss Steckler was extremely instrumental in the accomplishment of this wonderful project."

When the Library Board was organized,

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Lafourche Parish Library

Winner of the 1956 Modisette Award

For the Outstanding Louisiana Library

By

MARY ANNE RUSSELL

The Lafourche Parish Library, for nine years a symbol of service to the people of its parish, gained nation-wide recognition this year when it received the Modisette Award, given each year to the outstanding Louisiana Library.

The award was presented at the Louisiana Library Association Conference in Alexandria.

The award is no small honor for Lafourche, for it commands something of the same respect as the memory of the man for whom it is named, the late J. O. Modisette. Serving without compensation on the Library Commission Board for sixteen years, as chairman for fifteen years, "J. O." worked tirelessly to secure endorsements for the library movement from the leaders in business, state government, education, and from Louisiana's Congressional delegation.

The award to Lafourche Parish Library was made on the basis of an increase of 38 points on the Modisette score sheet which is used to afford small libraries an equal chance with larger ones in the state. In Lafourche, this increase showed up in such important areas as per cent of non-fiction circulation, increased amount spent on books and a vital program of public relations. At the Awards Dinner, Miss Essae M. Culver, State Librarian, praised the library's participation in the Book Festival and said, "Such progress, we know, does not just happen but is the result of teamwork between library board, librarian and staff."

Since 1947, when the year-long demonstration was set up with some 8,000 books from Louisiana State Library and selected



Mrs. Sidney Peltier, left, and Miss Edith Peterson, Lafourche Librarian, looking at Modisette Award. Mrs. Peltier is president of the Board of Trustees.

materials from the old Thibodaux City Library, the Lafourche librarian and her staff have enjoyed the cooperation of the citizenry. State, parish and city officials, ministers, school principals and local editors have been eager to help. On March 10, 1948, a two mill tax for ten years was carried by large majorities and the Lafourche Parish Library became a parish-supported, parish-controlled project.

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News on File

By

MARIE MAMALAKIS



The new \$3,500,000 library building at LSU actually got under construction in April with the beginning of excavation. One entire floor—an area 200 by 300 feet—is to be below ground. This has necessitated the moving of about 9,000 truck loads of earth. The three-story, air-conditioned building, located in the center of the North Quadrangle, will house all books, including those previously scattered in branches, with the exception of Chemistry.

Miss Lou Wylie has presented Loyola University Library with about eighty letters, which she received from H. L. Mencken during the time she was contributing to

"American Mercury." The main collection of Mencken's letters is in New York Public Library. Loyola University Library was also the recipient of one of the beautiful sets of Great Books distributed by the A.L.A. under a grant from the Old Dominion Foundation as well as of a grant provided by U.S. Steel through the Association of College and Reference Libraries for purchase of microcards for scientific research.

The McNeese State College Library recently received a collection of books by the noted American author, Carl van Vechten. The Collection was the gift of Adrian Goldstone of San Francisco and represents the third such gift of Mr. Goldstone to the McNeese library. In the fall of 1954 the San Francisco collector presented a complete collection of the works of Louis Bromfield to the library and in 1955 gave additional volumes of a collection of contemporary British and American authors.

Centenary College of Louisiana Library is the recipient of a gift of 25 of the Heritage Club editions from Mr. Bryan Harvell, an alumnus of the college. The library has a bookplate designed to acknowledge such gifts.

Alpha Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha, Northwestern State College, entertained the Eunice High School Library Club with a full day of activities on April 25. The Natchitoches High School Library Club joined the group at a tea that afternoon. On May 3, ABA held its sixth "founders" day celebration.

Centenary College Library is displaying a series of exhibits, from a traveling exhibit

of the Museum of Modern Art in NYC. The exhibit comes to Centenary from Princeton and Centenary will be the only institution in the South to show it this year. In April the library showed the work of six artist-teachers in America. Following that an exhibit of Italic handwriting, an exhibit assembled from the work of major calligraphers and handwriting reformers in Great Britain and the United States, went on display. On April 8 the friends of art and the college were invited to a reception in the library. About 150 guests attended during the afternoon.

The L.S.U. Law Library showed a sampling of its holdings in the fields of international, comparative and commercial law by authors from many countries as part of the commemorative exercises of the 50th anniversary of the American Association of International Law during a Regional Conference on International Law held at the Law Library on April 19.

The two display cases in the lobby of the Law Library featured material on the theme of the one-day conference . . . the role of international law in the national courts and doing business in foreign countries. Examples of the material displayed here included: a report of the first proceeding of the American Society of International Law, dated 1907; the American Journal of International Law; reports on the two conferences of the International Law Association held in Brussels in 1873 and in Geneva in 1874; and a comparative survey of Anglo-American and Latin America Law.

In the reading room of the library a selective but more comprehensive exhibit displayed contributions from guest speakers in the field of international and comparative law. The oil industry was depicted with charts and pictures. Other industrial outlets were also depicted through pictures.

John Hall Jacobs, New Orleans Public Library, called to the attention of New Orleans Columnist, Charles L. Dufour, the fact

that the April, 1956, copy of the Monthly Checklist of State Publications shows Louisiana has more official State Documents listed than any other state except California.

We surpass states like New York, Illinois, Ohio, etc. Mr. Jacobs credits this to the plan of the Louisiana Library Association sparked by Dr. Eugene P. Watson, Librarian of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, which was worked out and lobbied through the Legislature several years ago. Dr. Watson was president of the LLA at the time.

Under the plan, libraries receive publications regularly and in addition get a list at intervals that can be checked to make certain none were missed. The result is we are "building up a fine depository in Louisiana through these State Documents."

A five-day workshop on radio and television was held March 5-9 on the L.S.U. campus under the sponsorship of the Louisiana State Library and the L.S.U. Library School. Thirty librarians from all parts of Louisiana attended the workshop, which was directed by Miss Vivian Cazayoux of the Louisiana State Library.

Consultants were Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Evans, educational director, KING Broadcasting Co., Seattle, Washington, and Miss Lucille Ruby, coordinator of radio and television, L.S.U.

The workshop program was slanted toward the practical side. Well known persons in the fields of communications and library service served on panels and headed discussion groups. Training experience for librarians was provided wherein they received instruction in the techniques of presenting programs on radio and television. The group actually prepared radio and TV programs.

Program directors and production managers told the group what the station expects of the library in preparing and presenting programs.

Others who participated in the workshop program to assure its success included: Bob Reed, production manager of Station

WBRZ; John Ferguson, program director, Station WBRZ; Robert Swezey, general manager, WDSU; E. W. Bundy, executive secretary, Louisiana Educational Television Commission; Lon Keeley, LETC; James Van Riper, LSU Television and Film Center; Pete McCausland, operations manager, KNOE-TV, Monroe; Dr. Clinton Gradford, LSU Speech Department; Dr. Everett Timm, director LSU School of Music; Ralph Simms, advertising and sales manager, Crawford Corp., Baton Rouge; Don Hallman, program director, WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge; Roy Dabadie, general manager, WBRZ; Mrs. Margaret Dixon, managing editor, Morning Advocate; Allan Brent, vice-president, Herbert S. Benjamin Associates, Baton Rouge; John Hall Jacobs, New Orleans Public Library, and Mrs. Muriel Javelin, American Library Association.

A workshop for teachers of Library Science and Directors of Materials Centers was held on April 26-27. It was co-sponsored by the L.S.U. Library School and the State Department of Education.

From March 28 to May 4, at the request of the Parish Libraries of the Northeast Region, LSU offered an in-service training course on adult books and reading. Miss S. Metella Williams, Associate Professor of Library Science, was instructor. Fourteen parishes were represented with a total enroll-

ment of 42. Classes were held in Ferriday, Monroe and Winnfield.

Mrs. Florinell F. Morton, Director, L.S.U. Library School, is a member of the Staff of the Survey of Library Service for the Blind, being sponsored by the American Foundation for the Blind. Her assignment is to examine the service offered by the N.O. Public Library to the blind of Louisiana and Mississippi, and to the blind of Texas offered by the Texas State Library. Visits to the two agencies were made May 2-4.

An alumni association as part of the L.S.U. Federation of Alumni Associations was organized at the L.S.U. Library School Breakfast during the LLA Conference.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Edith F. Hill, Librarian, L.S.U. Library School Library, president; Miss Loma Knighten, associate librarian, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, vice president; and Miss Evelyn Taylor, engineering-physics librarian, L.S.U., secretary-treasurer.

The Summer issue of the *LLA Bulletin* will be devoted largely to the 1956 LLA Convention which met in Alexandria. The minutes of the Convention will be included, along with some of the major talks given by the visiting speakers. If you have any interesting news or sidelights concerning the Convention for use in "News on File," please send them in to the editor by July 1.

Public Library News

By

EDITH PETERSON

Lafourche Parish Library

On April 24th, St. Charles Parish citizens voted overwhelmingly in favor of a two-mill tax for library support and maintenance. The Demonstration Library was set up in

August, 1955, with Mrs. Charlotte Gaylord as Librarian.

Iberville Parish Library's new bookmobile arrived March 9th. On March 13th it was

displayed for the inspection of the Police Jury and the next day was put into regular service. With the bookmobile, the Library is now serving the Negroes in eleven schools. As soon as possible community stops will be added. Miss Jewell Moore, Librarian, attended the Adult Education Conference, February 28-29, and the Radio-TV Workshop, March 5-9 at L.S.U., and the LLA Convention, March 22-24 in Alexandria.

Miss Rosarina Fontenot has resumed her position as assistant librarian of Evangeline Parish Library. She attended L.S.U. Library School during the fall semester. Miss Barbara Spier, Librarian, and Miss Fontenot attended the LLA Convention. Mrs. Greta Fontenot, Bookmobile Assistant, Mrs. Amie Guillory, Ville Platte Branch Assistant, and Miss Janet Smith, Clerical Assistant, attended the Book Dinner on March 23rd.

Mrs. D. Crawford Young, Campti, a trustee of the Natchitoches Parish Library, has been elected vice-president of the Trustee Section of the LLA. School bells have been ringing at the Natchitoches Parish Library. Mrs. Ruth McLean and Mrs. Gloria Watkins are auditing a course in reference at Northwestern State College taught by Mrs. Lucille Carnahan. Miss Henrietta Dalme and Mrs. Nettie McMichael are attending the In-Service Training Course on Books and Reading which is being given at Winn Parish Library.

Contract for the four St. Martin Parish Library buildings was awarded to Robert Angelle, Contractor, with a low bid of \$119,173.00. Bids were awarded to Gerstenslager for a bookmobile body at \$5,087.19 and to Dauterive Motor Company for a chassis at \$1,497.54. Plans are now being made for a second bookmobile to be purchased for Negro service. Miss Edith Steckler, President of the Board, and Miss Hazel Sockrider, Librarian, attended the LLA Convention. Also present for the Book Dinner were Burton Angelle, St. Martin Parish Police Juror; Carroll Fuselier, Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury; Mrs. Leo Bulliard, Sr. and Mrs. Anthony Randazzo of the Head-

quarters Staff. Mrs. Blanche L. Gaudin and Mrs. Shirley S. Romero have joined the staff of the Library as Bookmobile Assistant and Headquarters Assistant, respectively.

Miss Charlotte Holbrook, former assistant librarian of the St. Martin Parish Library is now Headquarters Branch Librarian at the Calcasieu Parish Library. The first parish owned library branch building, at Iowa, is under construction. It should be ready for occupancy in July, 1956. The 25' x 60' building of brick and tile will accommodate approximately 8000 volumes. Mrs. Leo Koonce is the Branch Assistant. On April 4, the Library celebrated its 12th anniversary. Just before that date, the 50,000th book was accessioned. Calcasieu Parish Library was represented at the LLA Convention by Miss Emily Spencer, Head Librarian; Miss Charlotte Holbrook; Mrs. Reva J. Chesson, Cataloger; Miss Ernestine Crouse, Loans and Bookmobile; Mr. Morgan Musser, President of the Library Board and member of the Police Jury; and Mr. I. D. Bayne, new member of the Board from Sulphur.

The Robert E. Smith Public Library, constructed and donated to the New Orleans Public Library by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, was dedicated Sunday, April 8. This is the 12th Branch Library for New Orleans, and it is to serve the residents of Lakeview. The building, of striking modern design, contains an octagonal shape shelving and study room, a combination browsing and meeting room, and an enclosed patio separated from the building by sliding glass doors. The building is planned to house 12,000-15,000 volumes in its 2,800 square feet. Branch Librarian is Miss Lily A. Mouton. Main library plans are taking definite shape and ground-breaking on the corner of Tulane and Loyola Avenues is anticipated by mid-summer. The Library Board has unanimously approved the preliminary plans for the building which will be modern in design and functional in arrangement. Dedication target date is December, 1957. The Friends of the New Orleans Public Library held their Annual meeting on March 15, at

which time John Hall Jacobs, Librarian, and Charles G. Smither, Chairman of the Library Board, presented the model for the new Main Library and outlined plans for the building. Mrs. Moise Dennerly was elected President, succeeding Mrs. James W. Reiley. The Friends reported a membership of over 7,000 people, and plans are being outlined for assisting in the development of the total Library program throughout New Orleans.

The annual report of the Library was issued on April 2, 1956, with statistics indicating 1955 as the busiest year in history. Copies of the report are available on request from the Library Office, 1031 St. Charles Avenue. An important collection of books has been presented to the Library by Mr. John St. Paul, Jr., attorney. The collection consists of approximately 500 volumes on the general subject of Louisiana history and biography, and the French background of old Louisiana families.

On April 1, Miss Dora Guichard, Librarian of the Nora Navra Branch Library, retired. Miss Guichard came to the Library in 1921, and spent most of her professional career at the Dryades Branch Library. She became Branch Librarian of Nora Navra in September, 1948, and since that time a new building has been erected. Miss Guichard was honored by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority as Woman of the Year for her fine service to the community.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sanders, of the Archives Department Staff, has been elected President of the Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society. She participated in the convention held at Monroe, La., on April 13th. There have been a number of staff changes in the New Orleans Public Library. Newcomer in the office is Miss Rosemary Herard. Miss Louise A. LeMothe has been appointed Library Assistant on Bookmobile II, replacing Miss Perry Ann Dix. Mrs. Julia Elizabeth Coffee has been appointed Librarian of the Dryades Branch, and Mrs. Melbarose Manual, from that agency, is now Librarian of the Nora Navra Library. Miss

Marie Louise Arnoult resigned from the Latter Library Staff on April 30th. She will be a bride in late May. Her position is being filled by Miss Merl Browning. Mrs. Frances Munoz has returned to the Information Desk on a part-time basis following the birth of her second child.

The East Carroll Parish Library Board is enrolled in the Home Study Department of the University of Chicago for the Library Science course "How to Be a Good Library Board Member." As a result of one of the suggestions, the Board made a visit to the Morehouse Parish Library on April 12. Two members of the Staff, Miss Fay Smith and Mrs. Naomi Rosenzweig are members of the extension course on Reading offered by the L.S.U. Library School.

Authorization to renew a parish-wide maintenance tax has been granted the Webster Parish Police Jury by the State Bond and Tax Board and the date of election has been set for May 15th. The new tax has been set for one and one-half mills for ten years. In the past, a one mill tax has gone to maintain the library system on an annual income of approximately \$33,000.

The new Carver Bookmobile at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library was put into operation on April 16. It is a Gerstenslager with a Ford chassis, and holds 2300 books. Two interesting exhibits at the Parish Library were costumes from the Krewe of Tucumcari depicting costumes of Egypt, and dolls dressed, by the Junior League, as characters of Louisiana history. Each of the four Baton Rouge radio stations presented one of the enrichment records adapted from Landmark books. The Children's room reported that these broadcasts were extremely well received. The subjects were "The Pirate Lafitte," "George Washington Carver," "Landing of the Pilgrims," and "Lewis and Clark Expedition."

March 30th, Miss S. Metella Williams, Professor from L.S.U. Library School, began teaching a group of library assistants from Natchitoches, LaSalle and Winn Parish Libraries in Winnfield. The extension course,

"Books and Reading" is proving to be a very interesting and helpful experience for the group.

Attending the annual LLA Convention in Alexandria were Ovey Trahan, President of the Winn Library Board; Mrs. G. L. White, Vice-President; Mrs. Ruby M. Hanks, Librarian; Mrs. A. A. Moss, Mrs. L. A. Boone, and Miss Evelyn Billings, members of the Library Staff. On April 14, an additional library tax of one mill was voted for four years. This, a supplementary tax to the three mills that is now being paid, will be used for the purchase of a new bookmobile and expansion of library service.

Mrs. Robert Segleou has joined the staff of the Jefferson Parish Public Library as Cataloger, replacing Miss Bessie Mae Elcan, resigned. Mrs. Segleou is a graduate of the L.S.U. Library School, and has had previous library experience as Terrebonne Parish Librarian, and at the U. S. Naval Base in Algiers, the Loyola Pharmacy Library and the Metairie Park Community Day School.

Seventeen staff members and four trustees attended a Regional Meeting in the headquarters building of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library on Monday, April 23. The participating libraries were Avoyelles, Iberville and Pointe Coupee. Mrs. Humphrey Olinde, President of the Pointe Coupee Library Board, presided. The welcome was given by Mrs. C. M. David, Sr., vice-president. Mr. Murrell C. Wellman, Librarian, Avoyelles Parish Library, showed a film "Telephone Courtesy." Miss S. Metella Williams, L.S.U. Library School, spoke on "Reference Books and Reference Materials." Following the luncheon, Miss Sarah Jones, Louisiana State Library, gave a "book talk" featuring love stories which can be recommended to young adults. The afternoon session was devoted to a panel "What Would You Do If—" Miss Jewell Moore, Librarian, Iberville Parish Library, was moderator. Members of the panel were Mrs. Etheal Brouillette, Mrs. Winifred Melton, and Mrs. Oliver Robinson.

Nell Cuningham, Librarian of the Caddo

Parish Extension Service, and Ruby Weaver, City Branch Supervisor, have resigned to accept positions in the Houston Public Library. Mary Ann Arnold and Margaret Lewis, spring graduates of L.S.U. Library School, are at Shreve Memorial Library in charge of Documents and Reference work. Air conditioning and renovation of the main library are progressing with completion set for the middle of May. Architects are working on final plans for adding a wing to the Broadmoor Branch Library. The addition will double the size of the present building.

Mrs. Marie Bostick of Abita Springs became the new St. Tammany Bookmobile Assistant on January 1, replacing Mrs. Genevieve Stire who now works full time at Headquarters. Mrs. Ramona Sharp is new Secretary at Headquarters. On Saturday, March 17, the Library sponsored a maid and float in the Parish Tung Festival Parade in Covington. Miss Judy Badon, a teen-age patron of the Slidell Branch was selected as maid. The theme of the float was "The Golden Egg Book," and featured bunnies, eggs and chicks, and even a mother bunny reading a book to the young. The publicity received from the float was invaluable to the Library. Four new Branch signs have been received by the St. Tammany Parish Library. They are of porcelainized enamel of the type favored by the Public Libraries Section of the LLA.

The new St. Mary Parish "red and yellow" bookmobile was put into use in February. You can really see it coming a mile! A Staff social was held in the home of Mrs. Leonie Sumrall in Patterson in April. More are planned for the future.

The Board of Control of the Ouachita Parish Public Library at its April meeting adopted a ten year plan of Library extension and development which should have far reaching effect on the libraries of Ouachita Parish. Four members of the Board attended the meeting of the LLA in Alexandria. Miss Carrie Dee Drew appeared on the program of the Trustees Section.

The Madison Parish Library was represented on the Tallulah Hour, KNOE-TV, Monroe, on Friday, April 13, by Mr. Russell Sprague, a library trustee, and Miss Mary Moore Mitchell, Parish Librarian. Each was interviewed for three minutes on this combination talent and personal appearance show, sponsored by Tallulah businessmen. Mr. C. E. Hester, president of the library board who represented the Chamber of Commerce, also appeared on the same program to discuss the school program. A story-telling contest, sponsored jointly by the Madison Parish Library and the Tallulah P.T.A., was a part of the annual spring Hobby Day at the Tallulah School this year. The best story tellers of the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades told their stories at the PTA Meeting that afternoon, and they were so excellent and zestful that the project received many favorable comments. Much help and advice was given the young story tellers by Mrs. Alma Jordan of the library staff, Mrs. Ilar Osborne of the PTA and Mrs. Russell Sprague and other classroom teachers. The winners will also tell their stories over the library's "Make Believe Time" on Radio Station KTLD, Tallulah. Nine Tallulah High Seniors have served as story tellers on this program this spring, and others will appear in the near future.

Mrs. Lou Venia G. Jones, Morehouse Parish Librarian, attended the Radio-TV Workshop at LSU. One of the highlights of the week's work was her appearance on WBRZ-TV for the "Librarians Can Cook Too" show. Also on this show were Miss Frances Flanders, Ouachita Parish Librarian; Miss Emily Reed, Rapides Parish Librarian; Mrs. Max Schencker, East Baton Rouge Parish Librarian, and Mrs. Evans, consultant for the Workshop. Mrs. Joseph Barham and Mr. James Madison, Trustees, and Mrs. Jones, Librarian, attended the Convention in Alexandria. Mr Madison led the "Roundtable" discussion at the Trustees meeting. Mrs. Mildred Price and Miss Irma Jean Degges, headquarters assistants, are taking the Books and Reading Extension Course

at Winnfield each Thursday morning. The new Gerstenslager Bookmobile made its initial run on February 7. Interest, enthusiasm from public and staff—and circulation have been on the increase.

The quarterly meeting of the library staffs from Iberia, Lafayette, St. Mary, St. Martin and Vermilion Parishes was held in Abbeville on February 20th. Miss S. Metella Williams was the featured lecturer on "Answering Reference Questions." Acadia Parish Library was unable to participate in this meeting. The next meeting will be held in Franklin, May 14, with St. Mary Parish Library as host. Dr. Ruth Baldwin will be the guest speaker.

Mr. J. H. Williams, President of the Vermilion Parish Library Board, died March 24th. Mr. Williams was an outstanding educator of this section and had served on the Library Board for 15 years. His unexpired term as Board member will be filled by Mr. Charles Godchaux, of Abbeville. New staff appointments at Vermilion are Mrs. Frankie B. Brown of Abbeville as Bookmobile Branch Assistant and Mrs. Mildred Broussard of Abbeville as Headquarters Assistant. The Vermilion Parish Library Bookmobile will be featured in the REA Magazine for May, 1956. The Staff are very pleased but only wish it could be their new vehicle which is due from the Gerstenslager Company in June.

The Richland Parish School Board has given a large building, formerly used as part of the school system, to the Richland Parish Library. With the cooperation of the Police Jury and the Town Council of Rayville, the building is being moved to a very desirable lot in another part of the colored section of the town. It will be completely renovated and repaired and in a short time will be opened as the new Negro Branch Library in Rayville. Miss Irma Lee Adams has been employed to take the place of Mrs. Dan Carson in the headquarters library in Rayville. Four members of the Richland staff

are attending the extension course which Miss Williams is conducting.

The Opelousas Woman's Club of Opelousas has established a museum in the Opelousas Public Library. The articles the club has collected for the display are relics of yesteryear which concern Louisiana history and especially the history of Opelousas and St. Landry Parish.

The Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, is enlarging the Town Hall to provide additional quarters for the Lockport Branch Library. The new addition is approximately three times larger than the present room. Mrs. Florette Porche, Thibodaux High School Librarian, has resigned her position effective the end of the school term, to accept the position of assistant librarian of Lafourche Parish.

Over the Charging Desk

By

MARIE MAMALAKIS



Mr. William H. O. Scott is the new Associate Librarian at Louisiana Tech replacing Mr. Kenneth Knight, who resigned to accept the position of Director of Library Service for the Boeing Airplane Co., at Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Scott received the degree of A.B., A.M., and A.M.L.S. from the University of Michigan and has held the positions of Reference Assistant at the University of Florida, Associate Librarian at University of Illinois, Undergraduate Division, Chicago, and Assistant Librarian at Waco Public.

Miss Evangeline Lynch, Acting Head of Circulation, Hill Memorial Library at Louisiana State University, will be on leave all summer to study in Spain. The group will sail from Montreal June 12 and will return to New York August 8 after visits in

London and Paris as well as a longer session of study in Madrid.

Mrs. Harriet Callahan, Circulation Department, Hill Memorial Library, is leaving to join her husband, who is stationed in Japan.

Miss Pauline Nelson of Emory and Mrs. Joy Richmond, both of whom have worked previously in the L.S.U. Library, will fill vacancies in the Catalog Department left by the resignation of Mrs. Marion D. Sandifer and Mrs. Mary Alice Sanders.

Miss Kate Wallach, Law Librarian at L.S.U., has had in print a "Bibliographical History of Louisiana Civil Law Sources, Roman, French and Spanish." It was published by the Louisiana State Law Institute. Miss Wallach also served as chairman of the Foreign Law Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries this year.

Mrs. Helen Pluskat assumed duties as secretary of the L.S.U. Law Library on July 1, 1955. Previously she was in the office of the Secretary of State where she worked during part of her time in that office for Mrs. Margaret Lane. Mrs. Pluskat has moved near the university in a house "built by Mr. Pluskat himself, with a little help from the outside."

Mrs. Dell Scholz, Reference Librarian,

Law Library, is taking courses in the Library School and also audited the course in Legal Bibliography in the Law School.

Peggy Harper served on the membership committee of the ALA, was chairman of the Government Documents Committee of the LLA, and also worked with the Louisiana Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

Loyola University Library has added four new members to its staff. *Miss Marie Anne Hayes* (M.S., University of Wisconsin) has been named assistant to *Mrs. Suberville*, Science Librarian. *Miss Patricia Marshall* (Associate of the Library Association, London) succeeds *Jane Stevens* as Cataloger. *Miss Maudine Prunty* (M.A., University of Oklahoma) and *Miss Agnes Metzler* (M.S. in L.S., L.S.U.) have been named reference librarians.

Bob Lee Mowery, Librarian at McNeese

State College, is on leave until August 21st to work at the University of Chicago on his Doctorate.

John R. Willingham, Associate Professor of English at Centenary College, has been appointed Acting Librarian to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Miss Frances Smith. Mr. Willingham has been in college library work in Texas and Oklahoma before coming to Centenary.

Dr. Elmer D. Johnson, Director of Stephen Memorial Library, SLI, is the author of a recent book entitled *Communication*. Published by The Scarecrow Press, the 211-page book sketches the origin of the alphabet; the relationships of writing materials to the forms of writing; and the evolution of printing, with their relationship to modern book production and to the evolution of the library and modern librarianship.

Louisiana Library Association Scholarship

By

MARGUERITE HANCHEY

Librarian, Agriculture-Biology Library, L.S.U.

An appropriate adjunct to the LSU Library School's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration at the LLA Convention was the initial beginning of a Louisiana Library Association Scholarship.

The special LLA Scholarship Committee, composed of Sybil Farr, Florinell F. Morton, Elizabeth Tarver, and Marguerite Hanchey, Chairman, submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted by the Association:

1. That the LLA establish a self sustaining Scholarship fund to be built up and not to be used until the capital investment provides an annual income of \$300.00.

2. That when sufficient income is available, a scholarship of \$300.00 be awarded to a qualified student for one year of graduate study in the LSU Library School.

3. That the President of LLA with the approval of the Executive Board, appoint a standing Scholarship Committee, one member of which shall be a representative of the LSU Library School faculty, recommended by the Director.

4. That the duties of the Committee be:

- (1) To solicit funds from Library School alumni, Association members, industry and other sources.
- (2) To accept contributions.
- (3) To invest the money received.
- (4) To administer the scholarship.
- (5) To screen the applicants and to select

the recipient who must meet the following requirements:

- a. Legal residence or, if under 21, legal residence of parents in Louisiana.
 - b. Admission to LSU graduate school for study of Library Science.
 - c. Recommendations from at least one qualified Librarian in Louisiana besides other recommendations required for entry into the LSU Library School.
 - d. Personal interview by at least one member of the Scholarship Committee who should give particular thought to the applicant's professional promise, interest in librarianship, character and personality.
- (6) To publicize the Scholarship in cooperation with the Public Relations and Recruiting Committees.
5. That in celebration of the LSU Library School's 25th Anniversary the LLA make a contribution from its treasury to the Scholarship fund.

With regard to the first recommendation the funds for the initial investment will come entirely from donations, and splendid progress already has been made. To date (May 1) the Committee has deposited \$1,007.00.

Donations may be sent to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Marguerite M. Hanchey, 806 Iris Street, Baton Rouge 2, Louisiana. Mrs. Hanchey also will

provide additional information about the scholarship to anyone who wishes it.

Donors to date

in order received:

Louisiana Library Association	\$ 500.00
Mrs. Calvin Schwing	100.00
Dr. Essae M. Culver	25.00
Mrs. Edith Hill	25.00
"Bread Basket" Collection at LSU Library School Breakfast, LLA Convention	100.00
Miss Kate Wallach	10.00
Mrs. Lenore W. Smith (mother of Dr. Sidney B. Smith)	100.00
Mrs. Dorothy B. Skau	10.00
Mrs. George Rodney Wallace, Fitchburg, Mass.	50.00
Dr. Margaret Herdman	25.00
Miss S. Metella Williams	25.00
Miss Elizabeth Tarver	10.00
Miss Gayle Bondy (President, LSU Chapter, Alpha Beta Alpha)	2.00
Mrs. Florinell F. Morton	25.00

TOTAL\$1,007.00

Pledged:

Mrs. Florinell F. Morton	\$ 100.00*
Miss S. Metella Williams	100.00*
Miss Siddle Joe Johnson, Dallas, Texas (expenses to LLA Convention, approximate figure)	50.00
Miss Elizabeth Tarver (pledge of an annual amount)	

TOTAL PLEDGES,
APPROXIMATELY ..\$ 250.00

* Other than the above donation.

Louisiana Library Association 1956 Membership List

An * indicates A.L.A. membership while the † indicates a new member of L.L.A. This list is complete as of April 29, 1956.

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- Doss, Mrs. T. J., Trustee, Vermilion Parish Library, Abbeville
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- *Dupree, Mrs. Eulava S., Librarian, Our Lady of the Lake School of Nursing, Baton Rouge
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- Dyson, James W., Librarian, Loyola University Library, New Orleans
- *Dyson, Sammy A., Librarian, Louisiana College, Pineville
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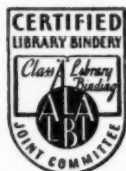
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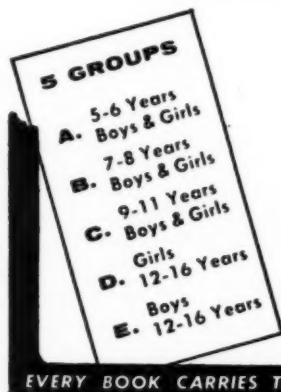
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Miscellaneous:		
Association dues and support:		
A.L.A.	25.00	
Southwestern	75.00	
(1/2 of biennial dues for 1956)		
<i>Total</i>		100.00
A.L.A. Representative allotment	200.00	
Sections	350.00	
President's contingency fund	75.00	
L.L.A. Bulletin subsidy	700.00	
<i>Total</i>		1,325.00
GRAND TOTAL		4,837.00
Balance		\$688.34

Miss Steckler—

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Miss Steckler was elected president. She immediately went into action to make ready for the new library, and arranged many of the first appearances of State Library representatives before St. Martin groups. She attended all four opening ceremonies, and spoke at three which had dedicatory programs.

To the many constant calls for help, she gave immediate and willing attention, always giving sensible advice in the local solution of demonstration problems. Miss Steckler talked to the parish-wide library staff at its pre-service training meeting. Also, she spoke to the twenty-odd LSU Library School students, when they visited the parish, on the responsibilities of a library trustee.

When it was decided to ask the taxpayers to vote a four mill tax for library operation and also a \$160,000 bond issue for library buildings, Miss Steckler campaigned with vigor. She contacted individual property owners throughout the parish during the month prior to the election, and in addition, organizations which had sponsored the library's coming into the parish. "Miss Edith" would be the first to say that she did not work alone in pushing the library's cause. Police jurors and other interested individuals worked actively.

Since 1949, six years before library serv-

ice began in her own parish, Miss Steckler assisted in both state and federal legislative campaigns, according to copies of many letters and telegrams on file. When asked, she never failed to contact and to have other individuals and local clubs contact state legislators and U. S. congressmen. Many times on her own, she talked to officials about the need for improved library services. Miss Steckler took an active part in the successful 1951 Citizenship Program, sponsored by Louisiana Libraries and directed by the Louisiana State Library.

An illustrated folder issued by "the City of St. Martinville in cooperation with the St. Martin Parish Library" was planned and written by Miss Edith Steckler.

The times she has formally appeared in behalf of the library are overbalanced by the many, many times she has seized the opportune moment to tell a friend or an acquaintance of the library and its accomplishment, and—more importantly—how it can serve them. As a board member, she is constantly guided by the idea that "we must give the community the services it pays for," and she is well aware that ownership of the library is vested in the public. If you haven't met Miss Steckler, I hope you will take the first opportunity to do so. It is impossible justly to portray in such limited space the qualities that make her an outstanding library board member.